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Dockets Management Branch
The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Room 1-23
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Re: 99P-1340/CP 1
Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

I am writing in strong support of the Environmental Health Network (EHN)'s petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity" declared misbranded. I am requesting that the FDA give this petition the scrutiny required by your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1; 21CFR Sec. 740.2; and 21CFR Sec. 740.10.

Many of the ingredients in Eternity are known toxins, and many of the others have not been tested for safety. In accordance with your regulations, Eternity should, therefore, be labeled with the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning — The safety of this product has not been determined."

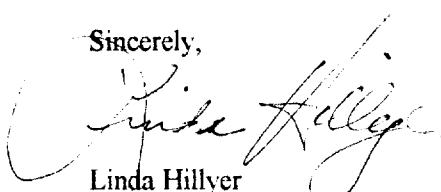
Eternity is not following the guidelines the FDA has set for safety in cosmetic products, however, and thus far has not been labeled with the required warning. Not only is this wrong, but it is dangerous; it means that individuals are buying Eternity without being alerted to its potentially harmful effects on their health. The public must be given adequate information about the products it is considering purchasing. Only then can individuals make choices that will help protect them from serious health problems.

The harmful chemicals used in products such as Eternity may, as with tobacco smoke, adversely affect the health of many people, including those with asthma, multiple chemical sensitivity, chronic fatigue, epilepsy, and other immune or central nervous system illnesses. Children and fetuses are particularly vulnerable to these chemicals.

As a person who has been living with chronic illness for many years, I cannot tolerate even minor exposure to fragrance products such as Eternity. Exposure brings on or exacerbates many of my symptoms, including exhaustion, nausea, headaches, and severe lung, ear, and throat irritation. For this reason, I have been forced into virtual isolation, since fragrance products are currently used so widely.

Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have been injured and experience illness resulting from exposure to fragrance products at work, at school, and in social settings. We can no longer afford to allow toxic chemicals to be put in fragrance products without proper regulation.

Sincerely,


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